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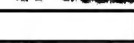


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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Special Intelligence Estimate

Reference: Top Secret Memorandum (#2-21952), for the
Director of Central Intelligence from the
Director of Intelligence, USAF, dated
11 December 1951, Subject as Above

1. In connection with your request for the special intelligence estimate contained in reference memorandum, it would appear that the desired information respecting  intentions is available, or can be made available, through the diplomatic channels of the Department of State or the military channel of the NATO Standing Group, as the result of a direct approach.

2. Information thus obtained would certainly be more accurate and could be more expeditiously secured than that which would result from the preparation of a special intelligence estimate, particularly one prepared on a crash priority basis.

3. It is suggested that this means be used, particularly as the Estimates Division and the IAC are now practically "snowed under".

SIGNED:

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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